



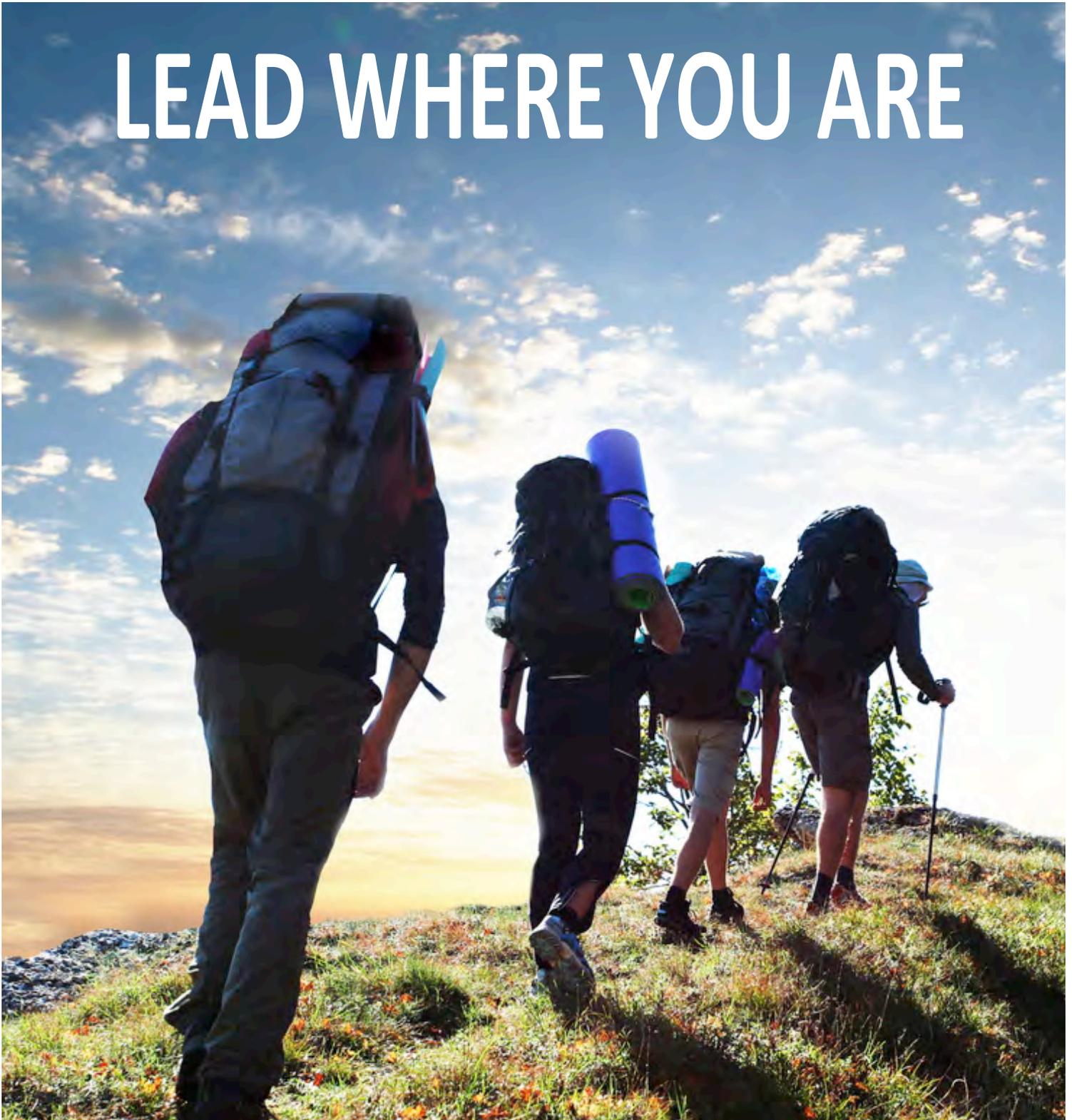
HAWERA BAPTIST CHURCH MAGAZINE



2013 TERM THREE

CONNECT

LEAD WHERE YOU ARE



"Leadership is not about position - It's about influence"

John Maxwell



**HAWERA
BAPTIST CHURCH**

OUR PURPOSE

We exist to:

Honour God

Build the Kingdom of God

Connect with our Community



honour | build | connect

OUR VISION

**“Living Faith
from the
Inside Out”**

Living faith in such a way that we see our own spiritual growth result in greater participation in God’s work of transformation, through significant Kingdom impact, in our community and beyond.

OUR FOCUS

Our focus comes out of what we value and forms an important part of the implementation of our vision.

- Prayer & Worship
- Discipleship & Training
- Care & Inclusion
- Local & Global Mission
- Resourcing & Administration



David's Desk



PASTOR DAVID AUTY

A TIME TO PONDER AND A TIME TO ACT

You will be familiar with the words of Ecclesiastes 3, if not from your Bible knowledge, at least from the famous 1960’s song made popular by the Byrds:

“To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven.” – Ecclesiastes 3:1

Koheleth (the teacher), who penned the book of Ecclesiastes, was certainly onto something that we can all relate to. We see the rhythms of life unfold before us: babies are born; seasons change; wars start and end; friends pass away; sorrow hangs in the air; and times of hope and joy come and go.

However, recognising this fact alone is not enough. Too often people get stuck in a sort of fatalism about the shifts and changes of life. It is important that we somehow keep a Kingdom perspective on these things. Even Koheleth, with all the “to-ing and fro-ing”, comes to this conclusion at the end of the book:

“Here now is my final conclusion: Fear God and obey his commands” Ecclesiastes 12:13

That’s a Kingdom attitude!

As a Church we’ve been through a season of pondering the future: we’ve held forums to discuss and explore; we’ve tried new things like “Family fun at the park”; we’ve held a 6-week trial at the Hub; we’ve had prayer meetings seeking God’s guidance. All in all, we’ve had a significant time of exploring, questioning and pondering the future and what God is saying to us about it.

We’ve had a significant time to ponder. Now, it’s time to act!

We have discerned some of the immediate steps to be taken (see the roadmap to the right), and we’re in a good place to take those steps. Let’s do it! While we’re in a season for action, let’s act.

At the same time however, let’s not allow the shifts and changes of circumstance to fully determine our future. When challenges come; when we don’t fully agree on things; when we find it hard to see exactly what God is doing, at those times we need to stay the course. To keep moving in the direction that God has laid before us.

I am excited and encouraged by where we are as a Church. Let’s not just think about the future, let’s live it out. After all, that’s what our mission and vision are all about!

VISION NIGHT

Saturday 21 September

5:00-7:30pm

Hawera Baptist Church

An opportunity for us to look to the future

Catered meal - Children’s program
No charge, but donations welcome
(suggest \$10/adult, \$5/child)



Sunday Worship 10am

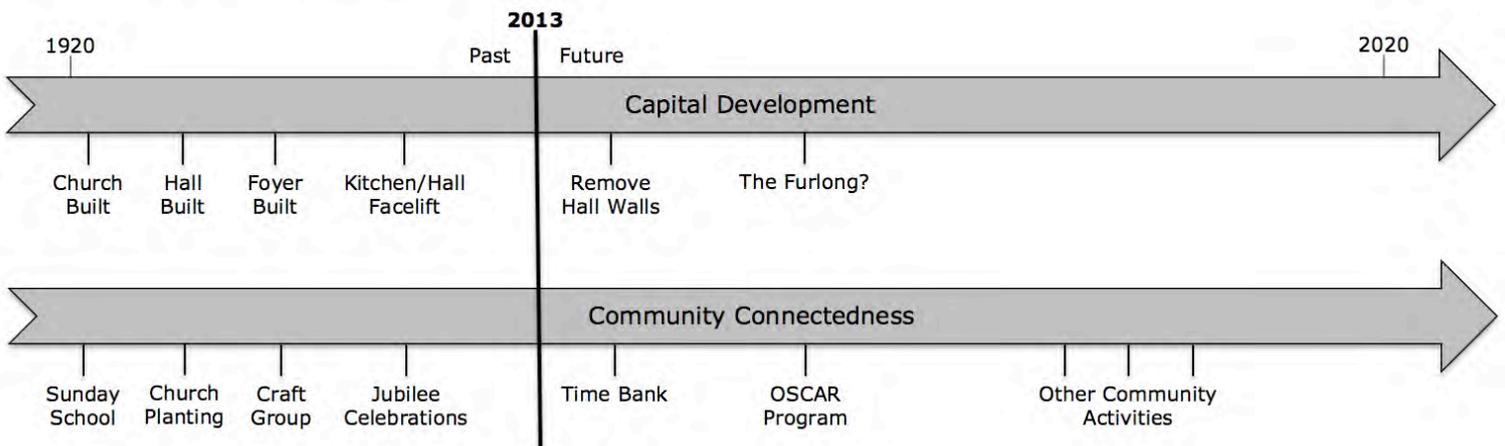
Including Children’s Program For All Ages

We are a bunch of ordinary people trying to make sense of our Christian faith in the real world. Why not join us and we can take this journey together.

HBC Road Map

Goal – 5% Kingdom Impact in Hawera by 2020

What other ways can we help build God's Kingdom here in South Taranaki?



CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

Remove Hall walls

This is the next step as we look to developing our capacity for future effectiveness. It will be a relatively cheap upgrade, but will allow for the hall to be used as an auditorium with 150+ capacity – a 50% increase on what we currently have. At the same time some minor changes in approach (eg. a team to setup & pack down chairs) will make room for extending our community connectedness activities. This is a short term solution, so we will need to keep looking beyond it. It is however a good first step.

The Furlong

This is the carrot that keeps swinging in front of us. Up until now it has been a little out of our reach, however ongoing developments mean that the door is by no means shut on this opportunity. We will continue to sensibly work towards it while keeping the church informed of progress. It could be achievable much sooner than we realise! Whatever long-term solution happens, we need to be ready by increasing our community connectedness.

COMMUNITY CONNECTEDNESS

Time Bank

This is an idea that has been around for a while and is gaining momentum. Effectively it is a well administered barter system which allows people to give and receive non-professional services on a time basis. Some of the activities exchanged could include: gardening, child-care, sewing, labour, tutoring, lawn mowing, computer help...

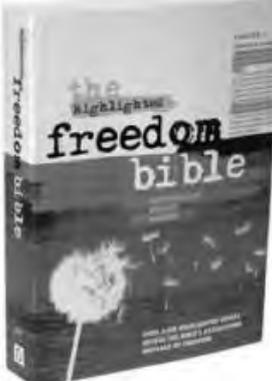
and much more. We'd like to see this get off the ground in the very near future. Can you see yourself being involved?

OSCAR program

There is a need in our community for child focused services that cater for our changing demographic. With more and more families having both parents at work, after-school and holiday programs are in high demand. Working in this area (which is under-catered in Hawera) would allow us to provide an important service while also connecting with families in the community. The aim is to get this off the ground early in 2014.

Other community activities

Who knows what the future holds, but it is only limited by our willingness to follow what God is doing among us.



Do you

- need a Bible that you can easily read and understand?
- have a friend that you'd love to share God's word with?

We have some Freedom Bibles to give away. Please talk to Pastor David if you'd like a copy.



Please join us for
24 HOURS OF PRAYER & FASTING

From 11am Saturday 24 August till
11am Sunday 25 August

Pray where ever you are or
join us at Hawera Baptist Church.

Together let's discern what
God is specifically saying to us.

CLOSE UP

with Bill & Janice Lee

Bill and Janice Lee have joined us over the past 3 months from Ennis, Texas (a town similar size to Hawera) an hour south of Dallas, Texas. Here Bill has worked at the Patea medical practice as a locum, while experiencing the NZ scenery and Kiwi culture. As a congregation we have enjoyed getting to know this outgoing and friendly couple who enjoy the outdoors and getting to know people. They are looking forward to returning home in mid August to reunite with their family and grandchildren. We will certainly miss them as they have left a big impression on us during the short time they have fellowshiped with us. While searching the web for churches in New Zealand, they found us. Joining us for worship and experiencing the hospitality of Hawera Baptist Church has helped them commit.

During Bill's career he had a real desire to do locum work but realised it would not be possible until he retired, and he is currently doing his first locum opportunity in Patea.

Bill had no burning desire to become a physician and was lead into it by friends. As a physician in the United States there is a focus on productivity and pressure to perform. Bill had a desire to be successful and productive. "I was performance driven, living off the approval of man instead of God." Being a people person, having an attention for detail and perfectionism, God led Bill into the right specialty where he cared for his patients. He gained a lot of Christian patients. As people responded to Bill's ministry he gained respect and opportunities to teach and lead a men's Bible class.

Looking back over their lives Bill and Janice can see how God has led them. Janice gave her heart to the Lord when she was 8 years old. As a young man Bill was worshiping at a church in Dallas one day when he realised he wasn't a Christian and asked Jesus into his heart. Bill and Janice grew up in and have always been members of churches in the Southern Baptist Convention.

In his late 30's Bill had lost his excitement for church and was going through a dry period. At this point Bill and Janice learned the importance of personal in-depth Bible study, prayer and claiming scripture. The teachings of Henry Blackaby and Beth Moore were instrumental in reigniting their personal faith. In the 1990's God provided new inspiration through a focus on the Old Testament and Jewish influence on Christianity--that Jesus was a Rabbi and he wants us to be like Him and not just know what He knows.

Bill and Janice enjoy connecting personal experience with spiritual teaching. During the recent earthquake they were sitting in their carriage house and experienced how weak the foundations were. This was a reminder to them of how the diligent build on a strong foundation of prayer and the word of God, so that when trouble comes we will not fall. Looking back through life they can see how God has prepared them for service and difficulty, often through the most mundane things. The idea of using spiritual markers as they reflect on life and noting defining moments in their walk with Christ has been helpful in understanding where God has taken them and where He is leading in the future.

"God prepares us for service through our trials and two significant ones involved our children." One was the birth of their daughter Angela, born with cleft lip and palate. Multiple surgeries were required during her childhood. The

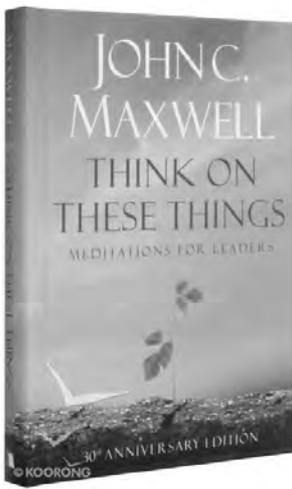


second was their son, Matthew, who had some prodigal years upon leaving home to go to university. They prayed, giving him to God, knowing that God would have to bring him to rock bottom before he returned. The Lord didn't let Matthew go and he ended up going to university and seminary, falling in love with the Bible and earning a Bachelor's Degree in Biblical Studies and a Master's Degree in Theology.

"It is so important how we respond to trials; when we respond in a negative way, all is lost. When we turn it over to God, he uses these situations to stretch us, taking us out of our comfort zone, providing opportunities for growth and learning." A favourite verse, *Psalm 37:4*, "Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desire of your heart."

While Bill and Janice were preparing for their first mission trip to a foreign country with Samaritans Purse, where Bill would practice medicine and Janice would work in the pharmacy at a Baptist mission hospital, well-meaning friends at church who cared about them gave warnings to be careful and not to go off by themselves. This caused Janice to become fearful. The Sunday before they left God had a message for Janice in a sermon that she has never forgotten: we always have two fears--a greater fear which overrides a lesser fear. What is your greater fear? Janice decided then and there her greater fear was to disobey God by not responding to his call to go on the mission trip. This overrode her lesser fear of going to a possibly dangerous foreign country. Be careful, not fearful. The timing of God's word was pivotal. *Psalm 34:4*, "I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears." In reflection Bill and Janice had a great adventure, and the worst thing that happened--Bill had to ride on the back of the ute to guard the luggage in Tegucigalpa!

Thank you Bill and Janice for sharing your time with us. May God continue to use you and bless you richly as you follow His leading.



Book Review

'Think On These Things' by John C. Maxwell

I picked up this book from the local Hawera Library Plus. It is pretty amazing to find a book by such famous Christian author in a secular library. I have read books by John Maxwell before and really enjoyed them. In Christian writing circles he is known for his books on leadership. This one is based on the Bible verse Philippians 4:8 "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." (NIV)

In the little book the author covers lots of timeless principles, wise tips, interesting examples and real stories that all point to a couple of main themes - draw your wisdom from the Word of God and "our ability to achieve anything great for God begins in our hearts and minds". Though he stresses that this book is written in mind for leaders, and how effective leadership starts with healthy, clear thinking, I felt that this book can speak to absolutely everyone whose desire is to grow deeper in God and to be a better servant in His Kingdom. I especially enjoyed the chapters called "What is a Problem?" and "Disappointments are not Dead Ends". The book is extremely easy to read, you can finish it in one evening, but it's kind of a book I could re-read often just to remind myself of all those wise gems and be encouraged in my walk with Jesus and my work for His Kingdom.

Olya Bartlett

Reflection



Live Each Day With Gusto

Everybody has heard the saying "Live each day as though it's your last". I have heard it but push it out of my mind because death is not something I should think about right? This was until I had a health scare recently, with dangerously high blood pressure, which could have caused a stroke or heart attack. I can tell you it has given my family and I a fright. It's given me the push I need to eat healthier and exercise daily - I really don't want to die young.

'As for man, his days are like grass; As a flower of the field, so he flourishes. When the wind has passed over it, it is no more'. Psalm 103:15-16

This has made me re-evaluate life - it is really delicate and we all need to do our best to give ourselves the chance to live a long and healthy life. We all need to chill out more and not get wound up over the little things.

'Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.' 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

But I won't be able to make such a dramatic change to my lifestyle and attitudes without God's help, only He can give me the self-control and peace that I need.

'But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law'. Galatians 5:22-23

Times like these certainly do push you closer to God, and make you think about what's really important in life. Like spending time with God, quality time with your spouse and kids, and taking time out for your self, making no busy excuses. The Bible tells us that our life is fleeting, and we must serve our God as He instructs and live our life to care and reach out to others as our personal gifts lead. We can't neglect our own family or ourselves, because these are precious gifts from God and we are called to look after them.

We only get one chance at this life on earth, and yes we will go on to better things in heaven, as we should long for. But let's make each day count, live each day with gusto, as though it really could be our last. Let's strive to spend time with God, live healthy and look after our bodies. Don't wait until you go through your own health crisis. Make the most of each day God blesses you with.

Deanna Grant

Groups

You can be part of ...



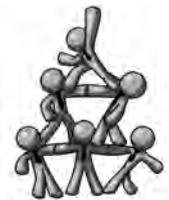
Rimu Home Group

Meeting periodically on Sunday afternoons during cooler months
David & Helen Ph 278 7823



African Home Group

Tuesday Nights 7:00pm
Jacques & Imelia Ph 278 1909



Ngaio Home Group

Tuesday Nights 7:30-9:00pm
Brendan & Deanna Ph 278 7422



Egmont Home Group

Wednesday Nights 7:00-9:00pm
Matthew & Inge Ph 278 3009



Community Craft Group

Tuesday Mornings 9:00am
Yvonne Ph 278 3388



Walking Group

Monday Mornings 10:00am
Deanna Ph 278 7422
Helen Ph 278 7984



Youth Group

Regular Events
Matthew Ph 278 3009
Andrew Ph 278 3681

Elders Report

Second Quarter 2013

Derek Pyle visited us from Alexandra Baptist Church. He shared about how they (a small church at the time), made the decision 10 years ago to purchase a local tavern. Derek inspired us with stories of God's provision and encouraged us to take things step-by-step in following God's leading.

We performed a **Pastoral Review** with Pastor David this term involving a number of people in the church. This was a very positive process and highlighted some very positive elements of the church and David's ministry, while also presenting some challenges for the future. Thanks to everyone who was involved in this review. It will be repeated every two years.

The **HUB Trial** went very well. We were all encouraged by the trial, but had the distinct sense that we needed to come "home" for the next season. At the moment the home is on the corner of Surrey and Argyle Streets and so we're motivated to get the hall walls removed ASAP so that we don't restrict what God is doing with us.

As an Eldership we have been putting quite a bit of effort into **developing policies** for how we approach various things from money counting to child safety and much more. This is an ongoing process and one which we will share some detail of from time to time as appropriate.

We are currently in the process of interviewing people about **membership** here at HBC. If you feel that you'd like to know more about membership and explore how to become a member and what it means, please speak to David or one of the other Elders.

A real highlight for us this term has been invitations to family homes for **house blessings**. This has been a real uplifting time for all involved and we hope to continue it for those who would like to invite us.

There have been a number of **volunteer changes** this term:

- Brendan Grant has stepped down as Care and Inclusion Champion to focus his efforts in his role on the Board of Elders
- Chantelle Denton is still taking care of our payments at the moment, but is not available for the full "financial administrator" role for the new financial year. The Elders have implemented an interim plan and are working on a longer term solution.
- Helen Wall has started assisting David with some administrative tasks on a project by project basis.
- Michelle Herbert has stepped up into a leadership role in co-ordinating the Alpha course.

We are working hard to make the **Vision Night** a great time of inspiration and direction as we move forward to the new things God is doing with us as a church family.

ELDERS BOARD



Pastor David Auty



Rocco Gous



Yvonne Evans



Brendan Grant



FREEDOM BREAKFAST

6:30 – 8:00am Thursday 29 August
Hawera Baptist Church
Ticket \$10

50 years (to the hour) from when Martin Luther King Jr. gave his "I have a dream speech", we will be celebrating freedom and highlighting the current freedom issues around human trafficking and slavery. The breakfast will include a 17 minute video of Martin Luther King's full speech from 50 years ago.

Tickets available by
Phone 2783118 or Email david@hawerabaptist.org.nz



Friday 27 September 2013
Wellington

Cost \$95

Talk to Brendan if you want a ride.
Phone 06 278 7422

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Term 3 Events

Please feel welcome to join us for any of the following activities.

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AUG

Youth Group – Snow Trip

Time: 1:00pm Saturday
 Venue: Meet at HBC travel to Mt Taranaki
 Contact: Matthew Ph 278 3009

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AUG

24 Hour of Prayer and Fasting

Time: 11:00am Saturday – 11am Sunday
 Venue: Hawera Baptist Church
 Finish with Potluck Lunch after church

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AUG

Freedom Breakfast

Time: 6:30-8:00am Thursday
 Venue: Hawera Baptist Church
 Tickets \$10 Ph 278 3118 / Email david@hawerabaptist.org.nz

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AUG

Women's Cake Demonstrations

Time: 2:00pm Saturday
 Venue: 24A Egmont Street, Hawera
 For details contact: Melanie Ph 278 5388 / Lynette 272 6885

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SEPT

Movie Night – Return To The Hiding Place

Time: 7:30pm Tuesday
 Venue: 11 Ngaio Place, Hawera
 Contact: Deanna Ph 278 7422

7
SEPT

Café Church

Time: 3:00pm Saturday
 Venue: Hawera Baptist Church
 Public reading and reflection of Mark's Gospel

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SEPT

Social Night

Time: 6:00pm Friday
 Venue: 443 Normanby Road, Okaiawa
 Potluck tea and movie

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SEPT

Talk on Israel

Time: 7:00pm Sunday
 Venue: Stratford Baptist Church
 Speaker: Nigel Woodley (Chairman Ebenezer)
 Contact: Nigel Ph 272 8495

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SEPT

Vision Night

Time: 5:00–7:30pm Saturday
 Venue: Hawera Baptist Church
 An opportunity for us to look to the future.
 Catered meal and Children's Program.
 Suggested donation (\$10/adult & \$5/child)

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SEPT

The Global Leadership Summit

Time: 5:00am Friday
 Cost: \$95
 Venue: Meet at HBC travel to Wellington
 Contact: Brendan Ph 278 7422

Mission To Israel



On the 10 August 2013, St Cuthbert's Anglican Church in Manaia, hosted Pastor Nigel Woodley from Flaxmere Church in Hastings. Pastor Nigel, has led this church since 1982 and is chairman of the Board of Ebenezer New Zealand.

His address was, Israel's recent past, present, and near future. Israel's past was seen through Moses telescope of Time, Deuteronomy 32, 20, 25, 29, 43. That because of disobedience, they would pay a very high price and be banished among the nations, but regathering would occur.

In recent times following the Holocaust saw the rebirth of Israel, three years after this tragic event ended, and the future see's the final battle of Armageddon. This will be the pre-cursor to the return of Yeshua, Jesus Christ. Amen

Pastor Nigel continues on the theme of Israel at: **Stratford Baptist Church, 7pm Sunday 15 September**
Come and be blessed, Nigel Smillie



Hosting Israeli Travellers

After high school in Israel it is compulsory to go into the army and when they finish in the army they often travel around the world. Omri a native born Israeli came to NZ on his OE and was confronted with the claims that Yeshua is the promised Jewish Messiah, which was foretold by the Hebrew Prophets, in the Hebrew Scriptures. Ever since Omri's desire has been for the people of Israel, that they might be saved.

In 2000 Omri begin the HIT network Hosting Israeli Travellers in NZ where evangelical Christians open their hearts and homes and inviting Israeli back packers to come and stay with them, by means of showing the love of God to them, and when the opportunity presents itself to share the gospel with them.

Several families at Hawera Baptist Church are on the HIT network for Hosting Israeli Travellers. Talk to Brendan Grant if you want to find out more.

New Zealand is a very popular destination for Israeli backpackers. The Ambassador added: "Ever since I have been here, almost everyone I know in Israel knows someone who has been here or is planning a visit. Many Christian homes in New Zealand host Israeli backpackers. "I am going to make it my business to meet some of these people." These people need recognition and I am planning on making it my business to do that."

Israeli Ambassador to NZ, Yosef Livne



Return To The Hiding Place

This remarkable film explores the inspirational story of Hans Poley who, along with Corrie ten Boom, made a huge difference in the Resistance Movement in the Nazi-occupied Netherlands during the Second World War.

This is clearly a good vs. evil story in which Hans and Corrie, along with Piet Hartog, hides Jews and warn them of danger. They are pursued and Hans winds up in a Concentration Camp. Still, the lives they save are many and this film is based on real-life events.

This film is the moving true-life story of teenagers and others who made a difference in saving many lives.

Movie Night: 7:30pm Tuesday 3 September (See page 7 for details)

Israel is a complex topic for a magazine like this. It is clear that not everyone agrees on the many political, theological and historic issues that are involved. Here at Hawera Baptist however, we do agree on at least two things around this issue: that God calls us to love all people and to reach out with the Good News of Jesus Christ to both Jew and Gentile; Israeli and Arab...hey, even Kiwis!; that, while we welcome constructive debate, we will treat those who hold a different view to ours with courtesy and respect. Thanks. Pastor David.